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WILL NOT BE CALLED GRANDMA.

Writer Explains, Somewhat Venomously, Why Women Dislike Word.

"The word 'grandma' is dying out," said a lexicographer, or maker of dictionaries, pausing in his labor on the letter G. "By 2000, at this rate, no such word will exist."

"What will take its place?"

"Oh, 'nannie,' 'nans,' 'lovelocks,' 'dearest'—some such rubbish. You see," explained the lexicographer, "women think that they have learned to stave off old age. A woman of 50, because she has dyed hair, a painted face, a figure here distended and there cramped, thinks that she looks young. As a matter of fact, she looks neither fish, flesh nor fowl. No man can bear the sight of her. But she thinks she looks young, and, therefore, she won't be called 'grandma.' Youth is over for good, you know—beyond peradventure we are done with the long, long dreams of youth—when a little one is lisping 'grandma' or 'granda' at our knee. So this old fool trains her grandchildren to call her 'nans' or 'kitten,' and getting into her wadded street gown, she trips or rheumatic feet to the beauty parlor for a face-steaming."—New York Press.

LET THE CLOUDS BLOW OVER.

"Absence Cure" Works Wonders in Cases of Conjugal Jars.

When symptoms set in of an outbreak of conjugal jars—which may happen sometimes in the best regulated families—it is a capital plan for husband or wife to go off on a solitary holiday for a few days, to let the clouds blow over.

If two persons start jangling and getting on one another's nerves, an "absence cure" works wonders. Both have time for reflection and repentance. So if you and the husband are irritating one another like mild mustard poultices, go and stop a week with friends.

Don't discuss your grievances with the hostess; calm down, forgive and forget, and stay away till you can return in love and kindness.

Short separations taken at the right moment, would save thousands of hot-tempered young couples from drifting to the ranks of the "unhappily married."

Pennsylvania Nature Story.

Six weeks ago a workman in the Pennsylvania repair shops in Allegheny left two dozen eggs in an abandoned tool box in the roundhouse. Steam pipes go through the box. All over the eggs a heavy layer of coal soot settled.

Three weeks ago 14 sooty chicks arrived. It was found that the steam pipes kept the temperature of the box at 103 degrees. A second hatch of 20 chicks appeared, sooty but healthy. Another hatch is being prepared.

Born among the clanging noises of the roundhouse, every chick so far discovered is deaf.—Philadelphia Record.

Going Back to the Sailor.

In San Francisco the campaign against rats, as spreaders of the plague, is a subject of universal discussion. A conversation reported by a writer in the Call shows that the topic has reached even the children.

"Wot they hunting up all rats for?"

"Aw, don't yer know nothing? Rats has the plague, an' if you see one you'd better look out, 'cause you'll get it, too, maybe."

"If you just see a rat do you get it?"

"Aw, don't yer know nothing? You've got the plague when you've been bit by a flea what's been bit by a rat what's been bit by a sailor."

City Girl's Funny Break.

"I've heard a lot of stories about city people making funny breaks in the country," said a gabby friend of the Cleveland Leader man, who was interfering with his work the other day, "but here's one that really happened, and I think it's the limit. A New York girl was out at our place once and it was the first time she'd ever been away from the white lights. Well, she wanted to go out and gather nuts—at this time of the year, I hated to expose her ignorance, so I merely said: 'But can you climb trees?' 'Mercy!' she exclaimed, 'haven't you any elevators?'"

"Banzai" Comparatively Modern.

"Banzai" is the only Japanese word that most Americans know. According to a contributor to Notes and Queries, it is only about 15 or 16 years old. Its birthplace was the imperial university of Tokyo. It was invented by Dr. Shigeno, one of the highest authorities on Japanese literature, in response to a request for an equivalent to the English "Hurrah." As a brief way of expressing congratulations "banzai" has traveled all over the world.

He Liked Shakespeare.

"Who is dis feller Shakespeare?" asked a street urchin, as he came out of the gallery entrance to a theater. "I don't know who he is," replied the boy's companion, "but he's on ter his job, all right. Dat McBet's 'bout de finest show I ever see."

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Never Tested.

"Have you a tank in the building?" inquired the inspector from the insurance office.

"What's the capacity?"

"Faith, an' Oi niver had money enough to foud out!"—Bohemian Magazine.